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## Justice for Women and Girls Moving from Commitment to Action amidst COVID-19

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Zoom Webinar

### SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

#### Opening Remarks

**Ms. Jan Beagle** is the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). She was elected by Member Parties on November 13, 2019 and took up her position formally on January 1, 2020. Ms. Beagle is a diplomat from New Zealand and a senior international civil servant. She brings some forty years of experience of multilateral diplomacy, working on peace and security, development, human rights, management, gender and organizational reform. Ms. Beagle has served as Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on System-wide Implementation of Chief Executives Board (CEB) decisions; United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; Deputy Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva; and Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management. She has held senior positions in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Office of the Administrator of UNDP, and the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. Throughout her career, Ms. Beagle has played a leadership role in the interagency bodies of the UN system, including as Chair of the High-Level Committee on Management of the CEB, and Chair of the CEB Task Force to address sexual harassment in UN organizations. She was formerly the Chair of the Assistant Secretary-General Advisory Group of the UN Development Group and a member of the Board of the UN System Staff College. Ms. Beagle is a committed advocate for gender equality and an active member of the International Gender Champions, a leadership network that brings together senior female and male decision makers to break down gender barriers. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in History and International Relations from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

#### Special Remarks

**Ms. Shalene Curtis-Micallef** is the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of the Tax Law Services Portfolio of the Justice Ministry, Canada. Over the course of her career, she has held various positions at Justice Canada including the roles of Deputy ADM for the Policy Sector for Justice Canada and Executive Director and Senior General Counsel of the Health Legal Services and of the Agriculture and Food Inspection Legal Services. Her career at Justice Canada has touched on a variety of areas of law, with an emphasis on regulatory law and international law. She has worked on significant legislative reforms including in the areas of drug policy, tobacco control, food safety and public health. She started her career with Justice Canada in the Tax Law Services Portfolio as a litigation lawyer before Canadian courts. She also has the honor of serving as the Champion for Women at the Ministry of Justice, Canada. Ms. Curtis-Micallef completed her legal studies at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Canada and she is a member of the Law Society of Ontario. She also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Ottawa.

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**Hon. Justice Prof. Lillian Tibatemwa Ekirikubinza** is a Judge of Uganda's Court of Appeal, which also serves as the country's Constitutional Court. Prior to this she served as a Professor of Law and First Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) at Makerere University. She is a holder of a PhD in Law from the University of Copenhagen Denmark; (specialized in Criminal Law, Criminal Justice and Criminology); an LL.M in Commercial Law from Bristol, U.K.; LL.B (Honours.) from Makerere University and a Diploma in Legal Practice. She is an enrolled Advocate of Uganda's Courts of Judicature. Justice Tibatemwa-Ekirikubinza is a highly experienced and widely researched legal scholar in Judicial and Legal matters. She has special interest in women's right to education and has in the recent past been recognized as a FAWE Prominent Educationalist. She is also a Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences and an Alumnus of the International Women's Leadership Forum. She is the first female to be appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Makerere University; first female Associate Professor of Law in the East African Region; first female (full) Professor of Law in the East African Region; first East African female to graduate with a Ph.D in Law. She is a Fellow of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences.

**Ms. Hina Jilani** is a member of The Elders, an independent group of global leaders founded by Nelson Mandela in 2007, who work together for peace, justice and human rights. She is a pioneering lawyer and human rights defender. As an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, she has conducted many landmark cases setting new human rights standards in the country. She created Pakistan's first all-women law firm and co-founded Pakistan's first legal aid centre. She also founded its national Human Rights Commission and the Women's Action Forum, a prominent pressure group at the heart of Pakistan's democracy movement. She was the first Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders from 2000 to 2008. Ms. Jilani currently serves as President of the World Organisation Against Torture, co-chair of the World Refugee Council and co-chair of the Task Force on Justice.

**Ms. Liv Tørres** is the director of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, hosted by the Center on International Cooperation at New York University. Ms. Tørres has worked on international humanitarian, peace, and development issues, as both a scholar and practitioner, for three decades. Before joining Pathfinders, she was the executive director of the Nobel Peace Center. She previously served as the Secretary General of Norwegian People's Aid, after several years of leading its International Department. She has also worked for many years on labor issues, as a political advisor for Norway's Minister of Labour and Social Inclusion, the manager of the first National Labour Force Survey in the South Africa. She was also a member of the Norwegian Labour Party's International Committee for nearly 10 years. Her academic background includes positions such as senior advisor, leading development research at the Research Council of Norway, and associate professor at the University of Oslo. In the 1990s, she established and managed Fafo South Africa, an international policy research center, where she also served as managing director. Since 2017, she has served as a visiting professor at Wits University in Johannesburg. Ms. Tørres holds a PhD in political science from the University of Oslo. She is an active commentator with expertise in the fields of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, justice and equality, inclusive societies, development policy, and democratization.

## Panelists

**Dr. Amrita Kapur** is a Project Coordinator for the Gender and Security Division of DCAF in Geneva, where she heads a project with PRAVO Justice in the Ukraine, partnering with the National School of Judges and Academy of Prosecutors to develop curriculum and training workshops to implement new laws targeting gender-based violence. In addition, she provides gender technical assistance and project management expertise to projects in North Macedonia, Colombia, Honduras, Yemen; and to other international organisations. Prior to this, Amrita was a Gender Analyst on the UN International Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar. She previously consulted for UN

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Women, UNODC and Control Arms while completing her PhD Thesis (UNSW, Australia) in international criminal law and conflict-related sexual violence with field research in Colombia and Guinea. She spent several years with the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) as a Senior Associate for the Gender Justice Program in New York, focusing on criminal prosecutions, truth-telling initiatives, security sector reform, and reparations programs. Her experience spans Colombia, East Timor, the FRY, Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Tanzania and Uganda. Over her career, Dr. Kapur has practised international and domestic criminal law, and designed and delivered gender-focused training for prosecutors, judges, police officers, parliamentarians, ministry and local government officials, truth commissioners, investigators and civil society organizations. She also holds an LLM in International Law from NYU, as well as a Bachelor of Laws and Honours degree in Psychology from UNSW, Australia.

**Ms. Denise Dora** is a lawyer and human rights activist with more than 25 years of experience on gender and access to justice. A board member of THEMIS – Gender Justice and Human Rights, a feminist organization that develops legal empowerment programs for women community leaderships since 1993, Ms. Dora holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law from University of Essex/UK, and a MA in History and Politics from Getulio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro/Brazil, with several publications on women's rights, human rights and civil society. She worked for the Ford Foundation as a senior program officer responsible for the Human Rights Program in Brazil from 2000 to 2011 and has served on the Advisory Committee of UN Women in Brazil and Latin America and Caribbean regions. Currently, she is Executive Director of Article 19 for South America, and a board member of human rights and philanthropic organizations.

**Ms. Rachael Boma** is a Programme Specialist Women's Access to Justice and Parliament at the UN Women Tanzania Country Office. She began her career in private legal practice in the Tanzania Courts of Law where she served as an advocate of the court of law, advising on legal matters and mediating cases on alternative dispute resolution including representing especially children in conflict with the law including street children. Ms. Boma also served in various positions in CARE International in Tanzania and Kuleana Center for Children's Rights Organisation on programmes related to governance, policy advocacy, maternal health and children's rights which involved engagement at high and at community level. For the past five years, she worked with UN Women Tanzania Country Office and successfully led various programs on Governance including the work with Parliament and Access to Justice for Women and support to women's human rights defenders. She holds a Master's Degree in Women's Law from the University of Zimbabwe, a Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty Analysis (International Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands) and a Bachelor of Law (University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania).

**Ms. Teresa Mugadza** is IDLO's Country Manager for Kenya. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law School (with an LLM in International Legal Studies with Distinction and an LLB Hons from the University of Zimbabwe). Ms. Mugadza has vast experience as a legal and development practitioner, spanning in excess of 20 years. Her professional experience encompasses legal and policy expertise; training and capacity building; research and impact assessment across the themes of governance [including anti-corruption interventions] human rights, gender equality and women's rights. Her personal passion lies in the advancement of human rights, in particular, the rights of women and girls to live free from all forms of violence and realize their maximum potential. This has seen her contribute as well as facilitating and developing training manuals on sexual and gender-based violence for women's and other organizations in the SADC sub region as well as the African continent at large. Ms. Mugadza is a Common Purpose CSC Fellow (2017-2018), Women's Leadership and Public Policy Fellowship/LAWA Fellow (2002-2003).

**Dr. Tatyana Teplova** has been working at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) since 2010 and is currently Head of Division and Senior Counsellor, Policy

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Coherence for SDGs, Gender, Justice and Inclusiveness in the Public Governance Directorate, OECD. She leads the OECD work on Gender Equality in Public Life and on Equal Access to Justice by developing international standards and advising governments on gender-sensitive policy-making and people-focused access to legal and justice services. She is also responsible for the work on governance and policy coherence for the SDGs. This work spans OECD countries, the Middle East and North Africa region, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Central and Southeast Asia. Dr. Teplova started her career as Senior Analyst in the Canadian Public Administration where she was responsible for conducting research and analysis around public sector employment, integrity and management, as well as diversity practices. She holds a Doctorate Degree in Public Policy from Carleton University, Canada and a Strategy and Innovation Post Graduate Executive Diploma from the University of Oxford.

### Moderator

**Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero** is the Director of Policy, Research and Learning at IDLO. Her responsibilities include oversight of research, evaluation and impact assessment, as well as gender issues. Prior to joining IDLO, Dr. Bottigliero was Lecturer and Researcher at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden, and at the Lund University Faculty of Law. Dr. Bottigliero was also Lecturer at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, teaching a variety of international law and gender courses to graduate students. Dr. Bottigliero has lectured extensively in Europe and Asia on various human rights and international criminal justice topics. She is the author of “Redress for Victims of Crimes under International Law”, as well as several scholarly publications on victims’ rights, international criminal justice and gender issues. Dr. Bottigliero is a ‘Hague Counselor’ for The Hague Project Peace and Justice, and the recipient of the 2010 Worldwide Universities Network International and Comparative Criminal Justice Network Fellowship.